

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Conditions are favorable for fair weather tonight and Tuesday except cloudy or foggy along the coast tonight and partly cloudy Tuesday.

MINISTERS SAFE BEYOND A DOUBT.

Dispatch From Russian Admiral Confirms the News.

German Official at Peking Writes That Legations are Safe But Urges Speedy Relief.

LONDON, July 30.—At last the British government is convinced that the Ministers at Peking are safe. A dispatch from the Russian Admiral, Alexieff, dated at Tien Tsin, July 30, and communicated to the Foreign office, states that the latest news confirms the news that the foreign Ministers at Peking are out of danger.

Mr. Broderick also read a dispatch in which the statement was made that a strong body of troops, composed almost entirely of Kwang Hui's, was around the legations and the Chinese were forced to block the river with sunken craft in order to flood the country to the eastward.

Mr. Broderick added that the council of Ministers decided July 15 that the road between Taku and Tien Tsin should be guarded and should be managed by the Russians. The government has informed Russia it acquiesced, as the arrangement might be the more convenient, but that it must be clearly understood that the line would revert to its former condition of hostilities. Mr. Broderick added that he did not yet know who was to have supreme command. British troops would be available to co-operate with the allies, but no arrangement has been made to put them in command of foreign officers.

Almost in the same breath that they express their delight, they say this afternoon's dispatch may be regarded as a striking vindication of the United States Secretary of State, Colonel John Hay, and almost as much a triumph for him as relief from international anxiety.

STRONG EVIDENCE THAT LEGATIONERS ARE STILL ALIVE.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The view which the Washington Cabinet has taken from the beginning, that with the exception of Baron Von Ketteler, the legationers in Peking were alive there after the date which was said to have marked their massacre, is being slowly but surely confirmed.

The most important cablegram in support of our Government's position since the receipt of the Conger autograph letter, representing the foreign Ministers to have been alive on July 1, came today from United States Consul Fowler at Chefoo. The letter referred to by the Consul as coming from the German Legation at Peking is supposed here to have been an autograph letter and as such absolutely removed from the possibility of fraud.

The Japanese report is also understood to have come down to the sea without having passed through Chinese hands. It was one of the first results of the private messenger system inaugurated by the commanders of the allied forces. Taken in conjunction the two reports submitted by Mr. Fowler added overwhelmingly to the weight of evidence in favor of the safety of the legationers.

General Chaffee, whose arrival is reported by cable this morning from Chefoo, certainly has made remarkable time in going from Nagasaki to Taku in two days, showing that the transport Grant must have been pressed to her utmost. The General's shore orders are expected to arrive there in about a week, when the forward movement on Peking will probably begin.

EMPEROR'S TROOPS GUARD LEGATIONS.

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LONDON, July 30.—In the House of Commons today the Parliamentary Secretary for the Foreign Office, William St. John Broderick, read the dispatch from the British Consul at Tien Tsin, saying

DEATH BLOW TO THE BOER CAUSE. Gen. Prinsloo and 5,000 Men Surrender Unconditionally to Gen. Hunter.

CAPE TOWN, July 30.—General Prinsloo, with 5,000 men, has surrendered unconditionally to the British.

LORD ROBERTS' DISPATCH. LONDON, July 30.—The following official dispatch has been received from Lord Roberts:

"PRETORIA, July 29.—On July 25th MacDonald fought a rear guard action with the enemy from early morning until dark, nine miles outside of Naauwpoort in the Bochelebon hills, resulting in his effectually blocking Naauwpoort Nek to the Boer wagons.

"Hunter reports that the enemy then checked his advance by holding strong positions on two Neks, one of which was taken before dark by the Scots, the Royal Irish, the Wiltshire and the Leinster regiments. Our casualties were only five or six. The second Nek was taken during the fight by the Scots and Guards without opposition, the enemy retreating closely to Naauwpoort.

"Prisoners taken stated that 1,200 burghers would surrender if guaranteed that they would be treated as prisoners of war and not as rebels. To this I had assented. As a result of these operations Prinsloo, commanding the Boers, asked, under

MISSIONARIES WHO ARE PROBABLY AMONG THE SLAIN.

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SHANGHAI, July 30.—A letter has been received from Mrs. Margaret McRae, a missionary at Nodum, Hail Nam, China, dated June 15th. She and her co-workers are now believed to be dead.

The letter reads: "We are preparing for death. This week we have made arrangements so that a company of fifty soldiers with their officers came in here to live. They have little defenses near each gate and have filled up all the holes in the hedges and patrol the yard night and day. Tuesday one Christian village moved up here and increased our number to twenty-five. Today another family of seven came in, and in a couple of days the largest Christian village will have come for protection. School and other work goes on as usual.

MINISTER WU VINDICATED BY THE GOOD NEWS.

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WASHINGTON, July 30.—The Chinese Minister, Mr. Wu, received the Fowler dispatch with satisfaction, but refrained from any decided comment. He said: "I am glad at least that the public here and

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LEGATIONS ARE STOUTLY DEFENDED.

BERLIN, July 30.—The German Consul at Tien Tsin has telegraphed under date of Saturday, July 28, to the Foreign Office as follows:

"The German Secretary of Legation at Peking, Herr Below, writes July 21:

"Thanks for your news. July 19th the condition of Cordes satisfactory. The remaining members of the legation are all right. The detachment of the guards lost ten killed and fourteen wounded. The houses of the legation much damaged by cannon fire, are held by the guard. The attack of the Chinese troops on us ceased July 16th. Speediest possible advance of relief troops urgently necessary.

"According to trustworthy reports the body of Baron Von Ketteler has been buried by the Chinese government's order.

"The Cordes mentioned in the above is the second interpreter of the German Legation. He was with Baron Von Ketteler when the latter was murdered and himself was wounded. He escaped to the legation."

CHINESE BAR ALLIES' WAY TO PEKING.

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PORT ARTHUR, Wednesday, July 26.—The damage to the forts and barracks at Tien Tsin are being rapidly repaired. The Chinese troops occupy three camps well situated to oppose the advance of the allies to Peking.

LEGATIONS STILL BEING DEFENDED.

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WASHINGTON, July 30.—The Secretary of State received at midnight a dispatch from Mr. Fowler, American Consul at Chefoo, dated July 29th, noon. Mr. Fowler says:

"A letter from the German Legation dated 21st inst., received at Tien Tsin. German loss is ten killed and twelve injured. Chinese ceased their attack on the 12th. Baron Von Ketteler's body, said to be safe. The Austrian, Dutch and Spanish legations destroyed and the French partially. A letter from the Japanese legation dated 23d arrived at Tien Tsin on the 25th. Ten battalions of Chinese shelled the legations consecutively from the 26th of June and stopped on the 17th of July, but may renew. The enemy are decreasing. The German, Russian, American, British and half the Japanese and French legations still defended. Japanese say they have fought for six days but little ammunition. The Emperor and Empress are reported at Peking."

AMERICANS TRAP LEGATIONS' ASSAILANTS.

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TIENTSIN, July 30.—The latest news from the legations at Peking under date of July 15th, say that the legations are holding out. The Chinese attacked the legations on the night of July 16th but were led into a trap by the Americans and it is said 1,000 of them were killed. They continued bombarding the legations more freely.

Among the Chinese killed was General Ma.

The legations were subsequently attacked with constantly increasing fury.

These advices were brought from Peking by a courier.

MINISTERS ARE HELD AS HOSTAGES.

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LONDON, July 30.—The latest news from the far East seems consistent with the theory that the Chinese government has the foreign Ministers alive but means to treat them as hostages, while the stories of massacre relate to other members of the foreign colony in Peking. Chinese officialdom, it is alleged, openly speaks of the Ministers as hostages, whose fate depends upon the decision of the powers in relation to the threatened advance on Peking.

Reports are multiplying that a number of foreigners were alive to a late date.

PERISHED IN A SHIPWRECK.

Thirteen Men Drowned on the Coast of Sumatra.

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LONDON, July 30.—The British Consul at Tien Tsin telegraphs to the Foreign Office today that a letter from a Japanese Consul in Peking states that the legationers were safe July 22. There had been no firing on the legations since July 16th. The Consul adds:

"A reliable messenger who failed to enter Peking but reached there, returns, stating that there was no firing on the legations between July 16th and 18th."

In view of this evidence the government is convinced the legations are safe.

GEN. CHAFFEE HAS ARRIVED AT CHEFOO.

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WASHINGTON, July 30.—The War Department has received the following telegram from Major-General Chaffee:

"CHEFOO, July 29.—Adjutant-General, Washington: Left Nagasaki daybreak July 26th. Arrived at 10 night of July 29th."

SHANGHAI AND CHEFOO CABLE IS WORKING.

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NEW YORK, July 30.—The cable companies sent out the following notice: "We are advised that communication between Shanghai and Chefoo is restored."

CALEB POWERS ON THE STAND.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., July 30.—Ex-Governor Brown, for the defense, opened proceedings in the Powers trial today by making a motion for promissory instructions for the verdict of acquittal. The motion was submitted without argument and was promptly overruled by the court. The defendant occupied his customary seat. A large number of witnesses for the defense, including ex-Governor Bradley, arrived this morning. Lawyer Faulkner of Louisville stated the case, giving the line of evidence for the defense. He said that the defense would show that Powers was responsible for the present prosecution. He intimated that the prosecution knows the identity of the assassin but has concealed him.

The defense, Caleb Powers, took the witness stand. Witness said he never knew Jim Howard, Harland Whitaker or Richard Combs, three of the defendants, prior to the assassination. He had only known Yontsey since January last.

In regard to bringing of mountaineers to Frankfort the witness said:

"There were three crowds of men brought to Frankfort, and I had something to do with the organization. The purpose was to show the interest of these people with the matters in hand at that time and not to intimidate either the State Election Board or the Legislature. I instructed the men to do acts of violence, and so far as I know none were committed by them."

Campers Return

Mrs. R. W. Church and Gladys Church returned from a six weeks' trip through Lassen county. Mrs. Church is greatly improved in health.

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METCALF HAS DONE GOOD WORK

The Contra Costa Gazette of the 28th inst. says:

"The outburst fight that is being made against the present member of the Third Congressional District will be of no avail. The people do not believe in such methods and will without a doubt vote to return Victor H. Metcalf to office. Mr. Metcalf has done more for his district in the short time he has been at Washington than any man that ever preceded him. Last week the Concord Transcript asked the Gazette to point out one thing that Metcalf has accomplished for the good of the Third District. We will gladly do so. First, he secured the change in the plans for the new dock at Suisun Island from wood to stone. This means the expenditure of a great deal more money in this district, and a dock that will be of a great deal more importance to the interests of this State. In the emergency river and harbor bill he secured an appropriation of \$250,000 for the dredging of certain rivers and navigable sloughs in the State. Part of this money will go to estimating the cost of dredging the San Joaquin river and the waterways connecting the same with the Straits of Carquinez, extending from the town of Antioch to Suisun point. All of the residents of the county, except Mr. Taylor, and especially those of the eastern end, realize the importance of this work. The Antioch Ledger, in speaking of the matter, says that by having the work done Mr. Metcalf will materially increase his popularity in this section."

CONFERRING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

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CANTON, Ohio, July 29.—Senator Fairbanks of Indiana arrived here today and went direct to the home of Judge and Mrs. Day, where he will be their guest probably until some time tomorrow. He is here to talk over a number of things with the President. Soon after reaching here the Senator and Judge Day went to the McKinley home and were engaged with the President for some time.

A Model Interior Arrangement.

Reception hall and room, large living room, specially arranged dining room and kitchen with two very large pantries on first floor, four sleeping rooms on second floor, one of which has been arranged for use as an upstairs living room, two fully finished rooms on third floor and a very light and well ventilated basement, constitute the interior arrangement of the house just completed on Walworth avenue, Linda Vista Terrace. Reception and family rooms finished in curly redwood, dining room and bedrooms in Douglas fir. Dining room handsomely paneled and mantel and sideboard built in to match finish. Although a very handsome home, yet of very moderate cost and will be sold on monthly payments if desired. Key at 63 Walworth avenue, next block above Lassen county. Mrs. Church is greatly improved in health.

MUST HAVE NEW CHARTER

George C. Pardee Declares the Entire Revision of Instrument Necessary.

Hon. George C. Pardee, ex-Mayor of Oakland, registers himself as being strongly opposed to amending the charter, and declares that the only way to remedy the evils under which this municipality is burdened is to adopt a new charter. In a signed statement he writes:

"Yes, I think Oakland should have a new charter, and my principal reason for thinking so is this: As it now is the Legislature can, and has many times, amended the charter of this city by passing some statute which, apparently, had no bearing whatever upon our charter. A new charter would, so the lawyers tell me, be superior to the general law, and could not be amended by the Legislature. As it now is, no man, not even the lawyers, know just what the charter is without looking up all the statutes and examining all the Supreme Court decisions. A new charter would do away with all this. The present charter, as framed by the Board of Freeholders and adopted by the people, had in it paragraph after paragraph, and even whole chapters, that were declared null and void because they were in conflict with the general law. A new charter would, as the lawyers tell us, be above and beyond any interference by the general law.

"Then, too, this is to be considered: If it be attempted to amend the present charter, it will require a number of separate and distinct paragraphs, each one of which must be voted on separately by the people, and, if, for any reason, any of the amendments should not receive the requisite number of votes and be defeated, the entire of the charter would again be destroyed, and a new election for the adoption of new amendments would be necessary.

"Again an amendment to the charter requires the assent of two thirds of the people voting at the election while a new charter requires for its adoption, the favorable votes of only a majority of the votes cast.

"And, after all an amended charter is an amended one, a thing of shreds and patches, which cannot be made to perform the work it was intended for, while a new charter can be made whole and complete at one time.

"GEORGE C. PARDEE."

OAKLAND NEEDS A NEW CHARTER.

W. G. Palmanteer, vice-president and manager of the Central Bank, declares that Oakland needs a new charter. In a written statement of his position in the matter he says:

"Under conditions as fixed by the present organic law of the city our hands are tied. We are shackled to provisions which were satisfactory enough for the city as it was eleven years ago, but which do not provide for such a development as I believe is about to be made in Oakland's progress. Our street improvement laws are complex, no power or authority exists to build up our water front and the authority of running the city should be placed in a greater number of hands than it is at present.

"The amendments offered are good in their way, but they fall short of providing a remedy for the evils under which we labor, and they can only be met and overcome, in my judgment, by a completely new organic law. We are entering upon prosperous times, the attention of capital is being drawn to this port and we should anticipate the trend of events and be armed to meet them.

"Oakland has its place in the world of affairs, and it will be our fault if we do not harmonize our differences and unite on the one common purpose to advance our own interests so as to attract the attention of those who seek to legitimately invest in a community that peaks itself on progress. I favor a well devised new charter for Oakland.

"W. G. PALMANTEER."

PAIN EXTRA FINE AUCTION SALE.

We have received instructions to sell the elegant furniture and upright piano, at No. 1229 Central avenue, near Grand street, Alameda, San Francisco, August 1, at 11 A. M. These goods must be seen to be appreciated. Open for inspection Tuesday, July 31, from 2 to 6 P. M. Full particulars in Tuesday's paper.

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